



## Stevan Ciric

October 11, 2022

It is with deep sadness that we share news of the sudden passing of our beloved husband and father, Stevan Ciric. Stevan was born in Toronto on February 28, 1961, and died peacefully on October 11, 2022, at the age of 61.

He was the adored father of Madeleine, 13 years, and Skyler, 15 years; dearest husband of Lesa Mulherin; loving son of Margaret Ciric; brother to Kathy Jay and Debbie Ciric; and a deeply valued colleague and friend to many.

Stevan was a highly intelligent, deep thinker who greatly valued education. He started as an officer training in the navy before obtaining his undergraduate degree at Carleton University. He went on to complete a Master's Degree in Divinity from the Washington Theological Union in Washington D.C. while living at the Paulist Novitiate in Pennsylvania. When he came back to Toronto, he continued his education at the University of Yorkville, completing his Master's in Counselling Psychology.

These studies led Stevan to a rich career including administering to the homeless and at risk youth as a social worker, running his private practice, providing counselling to staff and the dying in palliative care units in Toronto, and then landing at George Brown College in 2002 where for 20 years he was a member of faculty and administration. He taught social sciences, religion,

politics, history and communications. He was a passionate and humorous professor who connected strongly with his students – as evidenced by the NISOD Excellence Award he received in 2008. He went on to serve as a Student Success Specialist in 2009, before becoming Chair of the School of Health & Wellness and the School of Health Services Management in 2011. He was very proud of his work at George Brown College, and it was extremely fitting that he spent the majority of his professional career working in the field of education which he held in such high regard.

Stevan was humble and did not consider himself a person of great influence. He likely did not know the tremendous impact he had on others or how many lives he enriched. He had enormous compassion and felt things profoundly, touching hearts in moments large and small. He provided support with everything from helping others advance their careers to spontaneously giving his winter gloves to those less fortunate that he met on the street.

Stevan lived to make his family laugh. He was full of surprises and big bear hugs. His world revolved around Maddie and Skyler, and nothing made him happier than to spend time with them and to support and celebrate their journey to discovering their true selves. He went to great lengths to create wonderful experiences, building the ideal rustic campsite in Haliburton Forest and then finding just the right cottage by a lake. He planned some spectacular vacations, brought pets into the home, spent evenings enjoying favourite family tv programs, stocked too many desserts in the kitchen, and was always there to listen.

We were blessed to have had him in our lives. We'll miss him dearly and hold close the countless beautiful memories we have of him.

We ask that you join us in the Celebration of Life for Stevan on Saturday, November 19, 2022, at 11:00 a.m.

Location:

St. Joseph's Parish on 162 Leslie Street, Leslieville, Toronto

Parking:

Street parking only. Note: Please do not park in any parking lots adjacent to the church – they are reserved for the apartment building.

Social gathering details:

Please join us in the church hall immediately following the service. The entrance is located outside around the back of the church, at 65 Curzon St. We invite you to share any stories you might have about Stevan in celebration. There will be a microphone set up.

We will be offering coffee, tea and doughnuts (Stevan's favourite). You are also very welcome to bring food to share.

In lieu of flowers, please feel free to make a donation to the CNIB Foundation or in support of the family at [friendsoftheCiricfamily@gmail.com](mailto:friendsoftheCiricfamily@gmail.com)

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

NOV 19. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Leslieville, ON M4M3C7 (CA)

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# Tribute Wall

YS

“ I am so very sad that this world will be without Stevan. His wisdom, warmth and genuine compassion for all those he met in his personal and professional life will be missed. i knew Steve long ago. We were in high school together. He was my best friend. He was president of student council and I was his vice president. He was the brains and I was the assistant. We laughed so much. I still remember when he told me he would be marrying Lesa. The joy and love he expressed for her was profound. He had found his soul mate. Unfortunately, we lost touch over the years but I followed his career and his life path from afar. It was in checking in (googling his name as I often did) that I found out about his passing. I so wish I had reached out when I had the chance. My most sincere condolences to his family and all who loved him.

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**Yasmine Shamsie** - April 23, 2023 at 08:33 AM

JT

“ Please accept my most sincere condolences. Steve and I worked together for many years at GBC. He was an amazingly supportive colleague and an incredible mentor. No words can express my deep sadness to hear of his passing. He will be deeply missed.



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**Jackie Tan** - November 18, 2022 at 08:09 PM

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“ When you are far from home, it is important to meet people who can make you feel like you belong where you are. Stevan gave us this feeling, with long evenings on the patio filled with stories, lively discussions and laughter. Together we have made big and small journeys on land and water, caught fish and roasted s'mores over the fire. We have politicized, philosophized, changed the world for the better, and sometimes just enjoyed the peace and quiet. We have created a common life story and, in the process, created a home for ourselves. This feeling is deeply rooted in our hearts and will never leave us. You are not gone, because where we are, you are too!



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**The Switzers** - November 14, 2022 at 03:15 PM

DB

“ I worked with Steve at George Brown College in the Early Childhood Education Program. He was a dedicated educator and a supportive colleague. One always left a conversation with Steve feeling the better for it. I am sorry that he is no longer with his family and I know that he will be missed by his colleagues.  
*Diane Bergeron*

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**Diane Bergeron** - November 14, 2022 at 02:30 PM



Colleen  
Thomas

“ *I would just like to send my condolences to the Ciric family. Steve was one of the warmest, caring and thoughtful people that I ever met. The GBC community was enriched by his membership. Rest in peace Steve, you will be greatly missed.*



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**Colleen Thomas** - November 14, 2022 at 01:58 PM

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“ *Dean Paulhus lit a candle in memory of Stevan Ciric*

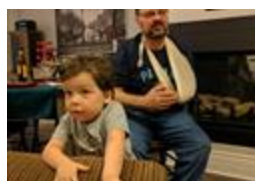


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**Dean Paulhus** - November 10, 2022 at 09:30 AM

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“ It still doesn't seem real that Uncle Stevan is gone. Sending so much love to Lesa, Skylar and Maddie. We are holding space for you in this difficult time. I'll remember so many delicious meals, his joy of the cottage, and great conversations. I love how he made sure there was always a dog in the house, even if Aunt Lesa protested...she always came around! His love of his children and wife was clear, he always put them first. I used to love to hear about the surprise dates he would take Lesa on, ever the romantic. I also have to give him credit for managing a house full of extroverts whenever the Mulherin's would visit ;) You will be missed. Rest in peace.



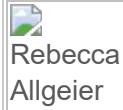
Amanda Mulherin - November 08, 2022 at 06:13 PM

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“ We were so sad to hear of Stevan's passing. I cannot imagine how difficult this time has been for all of you. We have great memories of the cottage, how much Stevan loved it and his little piece of quiet in the world that was there. No doubt we witnessed the love he had for his children. Many school events and field trips it was always great to have Stevan involved and see how much he enjoyed his time with the kids. Stevan will be missed and his memory will not fade.



stephan howard - November 08, 2022 at 07:39 AM



Rebecca Allgeier

“ *Rebecca Allgeier lit a candle in memory of Stevan Ciric*



Rebecca Allgeier - November 07, 2022 at 07:41 PM

TF

“ *We are very sorry of Steve's passing. As next-door Haliburton Forest neighbours for many years, we will always remember him as a caring family man who enjoyed spending time with his family in the great outdoors, as well as fishing in his Jon boat. Our deepest condolences to Lesa, Madeline and Skyler .... Tim and Dale*

Tim Feick - November 05, 2022 at 07:44 AM

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*Lesla and family. I am so sorry for your loss of Stevan. Stevan was a gem of a human being. I know how much he loved you and the kids and was always proud of everyone's achievements. Stevan understood the power of words. He use words on a daily basis to impact and transform the students world at GBC. A trusted colleague and first class individual that I could always trust for wise counsel when it came to student concerns and care. I know that Stevan was a very spiritual person, so I hope he has found his inner peace on his next journey. The team at GBC will always remember you. Rest in peace. Cory*

Cory Ross - November 07, 2022 at 01:25 PM

AJ

*I like to convey my sympathies to his family. I shared a few laughs with Steven over the years. He will be missed.*

ANITA JENNINGS - November 07, 2022 at 04:00 PM

DB

*Steve was such an ally to me when I first came to George Brown, gently showing me the way and offering advice. I always found him to be a calming presence. I wish peace, courage, and acceptance to his family.*

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**Daphne Bonar** - November 08, 2022 at 09:14 AM

ME

*Lesa and family, I had the privilege to write a paper and attend a conference with Stevan during the seven years I have been at GBC. He often talked about all of you, but most of his focus was on a trip to the Caribbean that the family was taking. He was a true gentle man, who made his words count when he spoke them. He has been, and will continue to be missed here at GBC.*

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**Michael Eliadis** - November 08, 2022 at 11:18 AM

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*Leesa, Skylar and Maddie, my deepest sympathy on the passing of Stevan. When I hired Steve at GBC as the full time Student Success Specialist, I was so pleased that we found such a deeply caring person who also had a depth of knowledge that could really help students. From day one, he proved himself over and over again. Steve showed up on day one in a t-shirt, that said Steve the Student Success guy in bright red, hard for the students to miss. He engaged with students immediately.*

*I remember when Steve and Leesa welcomed Skylar into their family and a few years later Maddie. He was so focused on having the best family life. We often chatted about how proud he was of you all. He was so excited about the opportunity to explore family heritage in Granada just before the pandemic. I know it was an important trip and memory for all of you.*

*Steve was a trusted colleague who I could always turn to to explore ideas, solve problems and just listen. Steve will be greatly missed for his contribution to the college, as a leader, as a friend and as a devoted family person. I truly enjoyed working with him for the many years we worked together. May he rest in peace.*

*Lori Cranson*

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**Lori** - November 08, 2022 at 01:11 PM

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*My deepest condolences to you all Lesa, Skylar and Maddie on your loss. May the many great memories of Stevan help guide you through this pain and may his enduring love and joy for you all bring you much comfort.*

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**Celina for the Dara Family** - November 16, 2022 at 03:40 PM

WE

*Dear Lesa and family, my deepest sympathy for your loss of Stevan. I had the pleasure of working alongside Steve for the past 7 years in health sciences at GBC. I enjoyed listening to the stories Steve would share, and he spoke often about how proud he is of his family. Steve's kindness, compassion, and terrific laugh will be greatly missed. Steve made a real difference as a leader and colleague, and through his caring approach, he made significant contributions to teaching and learning excellence. May his memory be a source of comfort and may he rest in peace. Wendy Ellis*

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**Wendy** - November 19, 2022 at 09:18 AM